

STATE OF MAINE
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

Docket No. 2001-209

April 9, 2001

CENTRAL MAINE POWER COMPANY
Request for Approval of Amended and
Restated Customer Service Agreements
With the Augusta Water District, Augusta
Sanitary District, Augusta School
Department and the City of Augusta

ORDER

WELCH, Chairman; NUGENT and DIAMOND, Commissioners

I. SUMMARY OF DECISION

By this Order, we grant final approval of Amended and Restated Customer Service Agreements (CSAs) between Central Maine Power Company (CMP) and the Augusta Water District, the Augusta Sanitary District, the Augusta School Department and the City of Augusta (herein referred to in the aggregate as "Augusta's Service Groups").

II. DISCUSSION AND DECISION

On March 21, 2001, CMP filed with this Commission proposed Amended and Restated CSAs with Augusta's Service Groups. Under the CSAs, Augusta's Service Groups prepaid a portion of their estimated cumulative electric bills for 10 years and, in exchange, receive monthly credits toward their electric bills. The Amended and Restated Agreements make clear that, in addition to CMP's T&D charges, the monthly credit is applied to generation charges only if the generation provider uses CMP for consolidated billing. If the customer's generation provider does not participate in consolidated billing (or for any reason the amount of the credit is greater in a month than the total cost of services that CMP bills for in that month), the customer has the option to either carry over the surplus amount of credit or to receive an annual refund.

We have conducted a review of the Amended and Restated CSAs. Based on our review, we have determined that they are reasonable and comply with 35-A M.R.S.A. § 3204(10). Therefore, we grant final approval of these CSAs pursuant to 35-A M.R.S.A. § 703(3-A).

Dated at Augusta, Maine, this 9th day of April, 2001.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

Dennis L. Keschl
Administrative Director

COMMISSIONERS VOTING FOR: Nugent
Diamond

COMMISSIONER ABSENT: Welch

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1. Reconsideration of the Commission's Order may be requested under Section 1004 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (65-407 C.M.R.110) within 20 days of the date of the Order by filing a petition with the Commission stating the grounds upon which reconsideration is sought.
2. Appeal of a final decision of the Commission may be taken to the Law Court by filing, within 30 days of the date of the Order, a Notice of Appeal with the Administrative Director of the Commission, pursuant to 35-A M.R.S.A. § 1320(1)-(4) and the Maine Rules of Civil Procedure, Rule 73, et seq.
3. Additional court review of constitutional issues or issues involving the justness or reasonableness of rates may be had by the filing of an appeal with the Law Court, pursuant to 35-A M.R.S.A. § 1320(5).

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